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Quarterly Meeting

**MedStar Harbor Hospital, Teleconference Room
3001 S. Hanover St., 21225**

Minutes of Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 0820 by C.P. Hsia, LEPC Vice-Chair who gave thanks to MedStar Harbor Hospital as well as Brian Gray for providing the meeting space for today's meeting. After introductions from the floor of all attendees, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the last meeting as distributed.

Connor Scott, Deputy Director MOEM welcomed the attendees and gave a brief overview of recent events and activities which included the Horseshoe Casino opening in Baltimore City and its impact on surrounding communities and critical infrastructure before introducing the panel who will be providing "inside info" on the Star Spangled Spectacular, which is expected to be the largest event so far in the history of Baltimore City.

Star-Spangled Spectacular 2014

Event Overview – Kathy Hornig, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts

The event will commemorate the Bi-Centennial of the Battle of Baltimore and the raising of the flag over Fort McHenry which was the inspiration for the writing of the Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key. There was a brief overview of the schedule of events which can be viewed by going to the website <http://www.starspangled200.com/star-spangled-spectacular/>. Events include Tall Ships (tours free to the Public), Blue Angels (practice flights and air shows), Concerts, the areas largest ever fireworks display and Festival Villages. The site also includes all Event pertinent information or links to same, such as Transportation, Traffic, Parking, and Security Policies.

Also noted which will significantly increase the impact to transportation, traffic and parking during the event were:

Ravens Home Game vs The Steelers – Thursday, September 11th

Orioles vs the Yankees (4 game series) – Friday, September 12th thru Sunday, September 14th

Public Safety Overview – Lieutenant Brian Bovaird, MOEM

There are 13 major planning groups consisting of representatives from more than 80 agencies who have been meeting regularly for many months to establish public safety plans and policies. Additional resources will be set in place so as not to impact normal operation services to areas outside of the event footprint. Operations will be done under the ICS Structure. Unified Area Command (UAC) will be at MEMA which is also the site of the Joint Information Center (JIC) and the Multi Agency Coordination Center (MACC). The Baltimore Area Command will be located at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel. The

worst traffic impact is expected to be coming from the south and the major community impact will be to the Locust Point Area. Emergency Vehicle travel lanes and commercial vehicle restrictions will be established in the downtown area. Shuttle service to Fort McHenry will have a drop off point approx. one/half mile from the Fort's entrance.

The phone number for Baltimore Area Command is: 410-895-1938. **Please do not distribute this number unless necessary.** This number can be used to report issues surrounding SSS related events. Baltimore Area Command will be staffed beginning Monday, Sept. 8th through Tuesday, Sept. 16th.

Regional Coordination – Kyle Overly, MEMA

There are 5 Area Commands: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Fort McHenry, Navy, and US Coast Guard, each of which will be assigned resources to support the event. Requests for additional resources can be made to the other area commands or through the Unified Area Command to either the MACC or the Federal Coordinator. The UAC will publish SITREPS twice daily and periodic Executive level briefing reports. Tools being used for situational awareness and communications include WebEOC, the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), radio, and telephones.

Citizens and Communities

CERT – Kevin Cleary

Partnerships have been established with Morgan State for disaster response training courses and Loyola to develop Student CERT Teams.

Efforts are continuing to create a larger network of CERT Trainers and training opportunities as well as to develop more actively engaged neighborhood CERT teams with routine recertification requirements.

Businesses

Jeanette Partlow, President - Maryland Chemical Company

Report on the robust/solid partnership and collaboration between the South Baltimore Industrial Mutual Aid Plan (SBIMAP) members starting in 1982 and with the LEPC after its establishment. Coordination was strong prior to 9/11 but fell off as funding increased and organizations were able to procure their own equipment, train their own personnel, and hold their own exercises. Now that funding is falling off, interest has again risen in more collaboration. It was noted that the collaboration between private, public, and non-profit agencies and organizations in support of the SSS event is similar to the original intent of SBIMAP in the chemical/industrial community.

Non-Profit Organizations

Pascal Papouras, Maryland VOAD

Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD) consists of groups of volunteers from faith, non-faith, and other non-profit organizations who work to assist during events and emergencies. He noted that there is movement in society for citizens who are ready and willing to voluntarily assist during events and emergencies. VOAD reps were called to a meeting with the governor to address the situation of unaccompanied immigrant children arriving in the State and he proudly noted that Maryland has achieved the nationwide highest number of placements for these minors, per capita.

<http://mdvoad.org/>

Chris Young – American Red Cross

ARC has 80 volunteers on standby to assist during SSS.

So far this year ARC has assisted 146 families who suffered loss due to residential fires.

76 of these families resided in Baltimore City.

Craig Savageau – University of Maryland Medical Center

The hospital recently purchased a weather station which has a direct connection to the National Weather Services in Sterling, VA. The station is anticipated to be active in time for SSS. A link to the weather station will be provided to the members of the LEPC where they will be able to access readily available current weather information

Government

Tony Smith, OEM Operations Director and Charles Dwyer, BCFD Hazmat

An overview and report was presented of pertinent incidents and responses made by OEM, the Fire Department and the BCFD Hazmat team since the last LEPC meeting.

- **Training and Exercises – Samuel Johnson, MOEM**
The schedule of the 2014-15 Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative Training opportunities was distributed with registration details. All of the classes fulfill the requirements for the FEMA Advanced Professional Series Certificate. All MOEM sponsored classes will be listed on the State's website: <https://memamaryland.csod.com/client/memamaryland/default.aspx> Registration to these free classes can be completed online.
Noted – There will be four UASI sponsored Seminars scheduled throughout the year and registration will be offered to the members of the LEPC.
Reminder to Save the Date – November 20, 2014 – Active Assailant Seminar to be held at Goucher College. Registration for the event has not yet been set up. To be added to the contact distribution list please contact Samuel Johnson 410-396-1767
Samuel.johnson@baltimorecity.gov
- **Public Safety Initiatives – Kevin Cleary, MOEM**
A model has been created utilizing ICS to conduct organized neighborhood interventions. Quarterly initiatives are scheduled in targeted areas throughout the City. During the initiative, teams comprised of members of the Fire Department, Department of Social Services, Red Cross mental health professionals, housing and other agencies and organizations are dispatched to knock on doors to make personal contacts and to offer services such as smoke detector installations, blood pressure screenings, fire safety inspections, substance abuse counseling, and more. Special events during the initiative include block parties and resource fairs. The next PSI is scheduled for early October in the Greenmount Avenue corridor.
- **Baltimore UASI – Cal Bowman, MOEM**
The Baltimore UASI FY 14 Grant Award was for \$5.5 Million which as in previous years will be dedicated to projects to enhance preparedness throughout the Central Maryland Region (Baltimore City, The City of Annapolis, and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties).
Introduction of Benton Best who was recently hired to administer the regional THIRA capabilities assessment and gap analysis.
Overview of the newly established UASI Whole Community Committee chaired by C.P. Hsia which is comprised of representatives from businesses, for and not for profit organizations and other non traditional stakeholders to provide guidance and expertise to the UASI Executives. The group meets the last Tuesday of each month. For more information on this committee contact Chi-Poe.Hsia@baltimorecity.gov

- **Baltimore City Health Department** – Meghan Butasek (via email)
Baltimore City Health Department has a new website. Visit <http://health.baltimorecity.gov/>
This September 16, is National Public Health Association's 'Get Ready Day' to encourage community preparedness for all disasters and hazards, including pandemic flu, infectious disease, natural disasters and other emergencies.
<http://www.getreadyforflu.org/getreadyday/index.htm>
To learn more about Ebola and stay posted to updates visit www.cdc.gov/ebola This website has frequent updates about the evolving situation and outbreak control efforts. Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is in direct communications with Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) concerning Ebola and continues to monitor the national and global situation. Currently, the risk of acquiring Ebola virus disease in Maryland is extremely low. DHMH is conducting disease surveillance and regularly communicates with and distributes guidance to Maryland hospitals and health care providers. DHMH works with health care providers and local health departments to quickly investigate reports of possible Ebola viral disease infections.
- **Baltimore City Department of Planning** – Kristin Baja (via email)
Baltimore City is applying for the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities grant and will be looking to the LEPC for input in planning and implementing programs to increase the City's resilience. <http://www.100resilientcities.org/>

There being no further business, C.P. thanked the group for their attendance and reported the plan is to reduce the length of future LEPC meetings to make them more conducive to everyone's already very busy work schedule. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.